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AF/W FOR WALTER RAMSEY

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: NIGER AMBASSADOR WRIGHT

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1. MRS. SMITH AND I HAVE FOUND AMBASSADOR AND MRS. WRIGHT TO BE VERY FRIENDLY AND OPEN PEOPLE. AMBASSADOR WRIGHT WAS VERY OUT-SPOKEN ABOUT THE SLOPPY TREATMENT OF DIPLOMATS AT OFFICIAL IVORIAN RECEPTIONS, BUT SOME OF HIS COMPLAINTS LED TO CONSIDERABLE IMPROVEMENT IN THE PAST FEW MONTHS AT NATIONAL DAY, ETC. HE IS OTHERWISE JOVIAL AND INFORMAL. HIS MAJOR TASK HERE HAS BEEN TAKING CARE OF THE THOUSANDS OF NIGERIENS LIVING AND WORKING IN IVORY COAST.

2. MRS. WRIGHT IS FRENCH, RETAINS HER FRENCH CITIZENSHIP AND PASSPORT. SHE IS A VERY ATTRACTIVE WOMAN IN HER MID-THIRTIES, SHE IS "NO NONSENSE", BRIGHT, QUICK AND UNPRETENTIOUS. HER CLOSEST FRIENDS HERE APPEAR TO BE THE WIVES OF THE THE EGYPTIAN AND LEBANESE AMBASSADORS, HALF-WAY BETWEEN EUROPEANS AND AFRICANS. NEVERTHELESS, SHE PARTICIPATES ACTIVELY IN AFRICAN DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITIES. SHE IS ALSO A BEGINNING TENNIS PLAYER. HER ENGLISH IS VERY LIMITED, BUT SHE LOOKS FORWARD TO LEARNING. SHE IS VERY ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT GOING TO WASHINGTON.

3. THE WRIGHTS HAVE ONE TEN-YEAR OLD SON, ALSO A FRENCH

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CITIZEN.

4. IN OUR EXPERIENCE, WE HAVE FOUND THEM TO BE AN ELEGANT
COUPLE.
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